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Brazil: Official opinion within SUDENE, Brazil's development agency for the impoverished northeast, has hardened against US economic aid under the Alliance for Progress.

Celso Furtado, head of SUDENE and cabinet minister for economic development, told US officials on 30 November that SUDENE officials had decided sometime ago not to rely on the US for much assistance. He emphasized that he cannot accept that the US has a right to "interfere" with SUDENE plans, approve its projects, or work directly with individual states in the northeast without SUDENE approval.

Furtado said "10 percent" of SUDENE personnel, including known Communists, are opposed to cooperation with the US, and that he has no intention of removing this element. Other SUDENE officials have also been sharply critical of the Alliance of Progress

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during the past month.

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<u>USSR</u>: Marshal Biryuzov, recently appointed commander in chief of the Soviet Rocket Forces, repeated in a 4 December article in <u>Red Star</u> the standard Soviet claim to superiority in an intercontinental missile war.

The USSR, he states, "still confidently leads" the US in the "creation and development of powerful rockets." is "perfecting" nuclear warheads has successfully solved the problem of destroying enemy rockets in flight, and possesses "a variety of numerous means" to defend

As in the past, the claims are generalized and not backed up by reference to specific achievements.

the country from a nuclear/missile attack.

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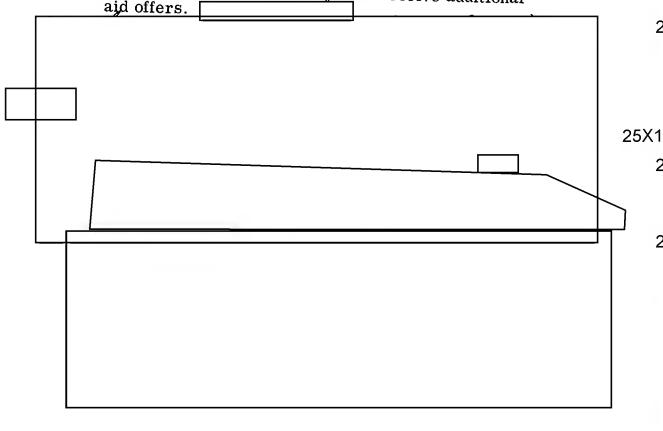
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Communist China - Laos: Peiping has granted Laos long-term credit for industrial construction; the amount of the credit was not made public. The Chinese have also promised to consider a Laotian request to extend a road being built from China to Nam Tha in Laos. These commitments, following by only a few days the Soviet-Laotian economic accords, were announced on 4 December at the close of General Phoumi's visit to Peiping. Phoumi is now in Hanoi, where he may well receive additional aid offers.



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